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TITLE OF INVENTION: OPTICAL FIBER COMPOSITE AND OPTICAL FIBER CABLE AND PRODUCTION METHOD THEREOF

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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/041,585	NISHIMURA ET AL.
	Examiner	Art Unit
	Michael P. Mooney	2877

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to Remarks filed 12/22/03.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-8.
3. The drawings filed on 10 January 2002 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
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 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
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of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments, see Remarks page 5 lines 10-13 filed 12/22/03, with respect to claims 1, 5, 6 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claims 1, 5, 6 has been withdrawn.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

It is noted that Tanaka et al. (6421484), which has two inventors in common with the instant application, has been closely scrutinized and found to be no good for rejecting the independent claims because Tanaka et al.'s D₁₃₀ & D₁₂₀ are both negative chromatic dispersions (CDs) and D_{DCF} is not the same magnitude as D₁₂₀ (see fig. 3B). Thus, Tanaka et al. (6421484), does not disclose the instant claimed invention.

The prior art, either alone or in combination, does not disclose or render obvious an optical fiber composite including: (a) a first optical fiber having a first chromatic dispersion, D._{sub.1}, at the wavelength of a signal-carrying lightwave; (b) a second optical fiber that: (b1) has a second chromatic dispersion, D._{sub.2}, at the wavelength of the signal-carrying lightwave, the second chromatic dispersion having the sign opposite to that of D._{sub.1}; and (b2) is spliced to one end of the first optical fiber; and (c) a third optical fiber that: (c1) has the same chromatic dispersion, D._{sub.1}, as the first optical fiber at the wavelength of the signal-carrying lightwave; (c2) is shorter than the first optical fiber; and (c3) is spliced to the free end of the second optical fiber in combination with the rest of claim 1.

The prior art, either alone or in combination, does not disclose or render obvious a method for producing an optical fiber composite, the method including the steps of: (a) providing a first optical fiber having a first chromatic dispersion, D.sub.1, at the wavelength of a signal-carrying lightwave; (b) providing a second optical fiber having a second chromatic dispersion, D.sub.2, at the wavelength of the signal-carrying lightwave, the second chromatic dispersion having the sign opposite to that of D.sub.1; (c) providing a third optical fiber having the same chromatic dispersion, D.sub.1, as the first optical fiber at the wavelength of the signal-carrying lightwave; (d) designing the total length, L.sub.t, of the optical fiber composite; (e) designing the mean chromatic dispersion, D.sub.m, of the optical fiber composite; (f) determining the length, L.sub.2, of the second optical fiber by using the parameters D.sub.1, D.sub.2, L.sub.t, and D.sub.m; (g) splicing the second optical fiber to one end of the first optical fiber; (h) splicing the third optical fiber to the free end of the second optical fiber; (i) cutting off a length of optical fiber from at least one free end of the first and third optical fibers so that the total length of the optical fiber composite can be adjusted to the designed length, L.sub.t, with the third optical fiber being shorter than the first optical fiber in combination with the rest of claim 5.

The prior art, either alone or in combination, does not disclose or render obvious an optical fiber cable including a plurality of optical fiber composites, each of which composites comprises: (a) a first optical fiber having a first chromatic dispersion, D.sub.1, at the wavelength of a signal-carrying lightwave; (b) a second optical fiber that: (b1) has a second chromatic dispersion, D.sub.2, at the wavelength of the signal-

carrying lightwave, the second chromatic dispersion having the sign opposite to that of D.sub.1; and (b2) is fusion-spliced to one end of the first optical fiber; and (c) a third optical fiber that: (c1) has the same chromatic dispersion, D.sub.1, as the first optical fiber at the wavelength of the signal-carrying lightwave; (c2) is shorter than the first optical fiber; and (c3) is fusion-spliced to the free end of the second optical fiber in combination with the rest of claim 6.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael P. Mooney whose telephone number is 571-272-2422. The examiner can normally be reached during weekdays, M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Frank G. Font can be reached on 571-272-2415. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 571-272-

1562.



Michael P. Mooney
Examiner
Art Unit 2877



Frank G. Font
Supervisory Patent Examiner
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